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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**AQUARIUM STUDY TEAM, ADVISORY BOARD TO HOLD MEETINGS**

Members of the Study Team for the National Fisheries Center and Aquarium will meet in Washington, D. C. February 4 and 5 to review planning progress for the Center.

Dr. John C. Calhoun, Jr., Study Team chairman, said the meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the office of Frank P. Briggs, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife. Dr. Calhoun is Science Adviser to Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

The Study Team will meet with Charles E. Estes, who has been engaged by General Services Administration to prepare a program for design of the Center. It is expected that the program will be presented to an architect, still to be selected, in two or three months.

The National Fisheries Center and Aquarium Advisory Board will meet February 6 at 9:00 a.m. in Secretary Briggs' office to review the preliminary plans.

Members of the Advisory Board are: Athalstan Spilhaus, Minneapolis, chairman; Irving L. Straus, New York City, vice chairman; U. S. Senators Warren G. Magnuson, Washington; and Winston L. Prouty, Vermont; Congressmen Michael J. Kirwan, Ohio; and Ben Jensen, Iowa;

David V. Picker, New York City; Charles E. Jackson, Washington, D. C.; and Secretary Briggs, ex-officio. Clarence F. Pautzke, Commissioner of Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service is executive secretary of the Advisory Board.

President Johnson's 1964-65 budget contains \$500,000 for final planning of the Fisheries Center. Completion of the Center is expected by 1967.

Congress authorized the \$10 million research and educational facility with the requirement that construction and operating costs be repaid to the Federal Treasury. This will be accomplished by charging admission except to student groups. As a result, the Center will impose no costs to the Nation's taxpayers.

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